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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is in response to the Office Action of April 12, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**The Conclusion** appears on page 10 of this paper.